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SUBJ: THE ILO - DEMARCHE FROM THE HOLY SEE EXPRESSING
CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBILITY OF U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM THE
ILO

1. ARCHBISHOP JEAN JADOT CALLED ON IO ASSISTANT SECRETARY
MAYNES, AUGUST 10, TO MAKE DEMARCHE ON BEHALF OF POPE
PAUL VI CONCERNING U.S. WITHDRAWAL FROM INTERNATIONAL
LABOR ORGANIZATION (ILO). ALSO PRESENT WERE DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY (IO) DALLEY AND PETER SARROS.

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2. ARCHBISHOP JEAN JADOT BEGAN THE MEETING BY EXPRESSING
THE THANKS OF THE HOLY SEE FOR THE INFORMATION PROVIDED
THE SEE BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE ON THE ILO AND THE U.S.
POSITION REGARDING THE ILO.

3. THE POPE, THE ARCHBISHOP SAID, IS CONCERNED ABOUT
CONTINUED U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE ILO. THE HOLY FATHER

IS CONVINCED THAT THE PARTICIPATION OF THE U.S. IN THE ILO IS NEEDED FOR MORAL REASONS EVEN MORE THAN FOR POLITICAL REASONS. THE HOLY FATHER BELIEVES A POLICY OF CONTINUED PRESENCE WILL BE MORE EFFECTIVE THAN A POLICY OF WITHDRAWAL FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF U.S. GOALS IN THE ILO.

4. MAYNES RESPONDED BY THANKING THE ARCHBISHOP FOR DELIVERING THIS IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE HOLY SEE. HE INFORMED THE ARCHBISHOP OF THE SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE CABINET-LEVEL COMMITTEE AND THE LIKELIHOOD THAT AT THIS MEETING THE U.S. WORKER AND EMPLOYER DELEGATES TO THE ILO WOULD RECOMMEND THAT THE U.S. WITHDRAW FROM THE ILO. THE ARCHBISHOP RESPONDED THAT HE INTENDED TO MAKE THE VIEWS OF THE VATICAN KNOWN TO THE AFL-CIO AND TO THE U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE. THE ILO IS A MATTER OF GREAT IMPORTANCE TO THE POPE BECAUSE THE ILO HAS BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE AND USEFUL OVER THE YEARS, SAID THE ARCHBISHOP, AND IT IS WIDELY RESPECTED IN THE CHURCH.

5. MAYNES RESPONDED THAT THERE WAS WIDE AGREEMENT THAT THE ILO DID USEFUL WORK IN MANY AREAS. AT THE SAME TIME, THE JUNE CONFERENCE HAD DEVELOPED IN AN UNFAVORABLE WAY AND MANY, FOCUSING ON THE CONFERENCE, URGED THE U.S. NOW TO WITHDRAW. THE ARCHBISHOP RESPONDED THAT IN THE FACT THAT IN THE JUNE 1977 CONFERENCE THE U.S. RECEIVED MORE SUPPORT THAN IN THE PAST, DEMONSTRATED THAT

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PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE AND SHOWED THE UTILITY OF REMAINING IN AND CONTINUING TO STRUGGLE FOR REFORM RATHER THAN TRYING TO ACHIEVE REFORM BY WITHDRAWING, A TACTIC HE BELIEVED MUCH LESS LIKELY TO SUCCEED. VANCE

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